

BUKTA.VL (XX.)

**The deity as before : certain persons of the race
of ATRI, called
Prayasvats, are the IHshis; the metre of the
last stanza is
Panktiy of the rest Anvshubh.**

1. That (sacrificial) wealth, AGNI,
bounteous giver
of food, of which thou approvest, and
which deserves
to be commended by our praises, do thou
convey to
the gods.¹
2. May. those prosperous men who do not
offer ob-
lations to thee become destitute of great
strength, and
may (the followers) of other (than
vaidify obser-
vances incur (thy) enmity and
punishment.
3. We, *Prayasvats*? have recourse to
thee, the in-
voker (of the gods), the means of strength :
we glorify
thee first at sacrifices with praise.
4. Possessor of strength, day by day so
(provide),
that we may enjoy thy protection;
doer of good
deeds, may we (be deserving) of wealth
through
sacrifice, and may we be happy with
cattle, happy
with male descendants.

VII. (XXI.)

**The deity as before; the JRishi is SASA ; the
metre- as before.**

5. Like MANTJ, we meditate, AGNI,
upon thee;
like MANU, we kindle thee: worship the
gods, on
behalf of the (worshipper), devout as
MANU.
6. When thou art pleased, AGNI, thou
shinest upon
the human race: well-born, feeder
upon clarified
butter, the ladles are constantly uplifted
to thee.
7. All the consentient divinities have
made thee

¹ *Yajur-Veda*, 19. 64 : instead of *v&jas&tama*,
the printed
Yajudi reads *kavyavdhana*, conveyer of
offerings to the manes.

² *Prayatoantah* is, literally, those having
food, *annavantah*.